

## TAYLORSVILLE COMMUNITY COUNCIL CELEBRATES ONE-YEAR ANNIVERSARY OF VISTA PARK PLAYGROUND RENOVATION

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A Taylorsville community council has taken the adage “you can’t fight city hall” and stood it on its head. Rather than “fighting,” Community Council 2A (based around 5000 South and Redwood Road) has worked with city elected officials in recent years to complete a couple of major improvement projects.

And now they’re looking for more.

“People need to know they can get big things done, if they work for them,” said Retta McIff, a former Taylorsville Community Development Department employee. “I was one of the people who worked to create community councils, and this one is making the most of it.”

This fall Community Council 2A is celebrating the one-year anniversary of a major facelift at Vista Park (2100 West 5000 South).

“We did some research and learned there are about 16,000 participants who play in baseball and softball games each year on the Vista Park diamonds,” said former 2A Community Council Vice Chairwoman Jolene Dearden. “Trouble is, those kids often came with siblings who had nothing to do, if they got tired of watching the games. The park’s playground equipment was old and run down.”

Faced with this chal-

lenge, rather than simply appearing before Taylorsville elected officials to demand the city do something, community council members instead began doing the city’s homework for them.

“When (community council members) came before us, they had their ducks in a row,” said City Councilwoman Kristie Overson. “They were well-organized and came to us with a very strong case for improving the Vista playground.”

By the time they were done, the community council had secured quarter-million dollars in funding.

“We about fell off our chairs when the city council approved our \$250,000 budget for the park improvements,” Dearden added. “We made visits to several parks — in West Jordan, Cottonwood Heights, Holladay, even Layton — to see different types of playground equipment. We got what we wanted and about tripled the size of the Vista Park playground.”

Installation of the new playground equipment began in October of last year and was completed in January.

“The change in activity at the playground has been absolutely unbelievable,” Dearden said. “In previous years, I’d only see two or three kids on the equipment at a time. Now it’s not un-



A Taylorsville community council is celebrating the one year anniversary of its \$250,000 Vista Park facelift. (Carl Fauver/City Journals)

usual to see 50 or more. I’m amazed how much it’s being used.”

“I am such a huge supporter of community councils because they are a great avenue for residents to meet each other and to work toward common goals,” Overson said. “The issues don’t always have to relate to the city. Community councils can also address school district policies for example. They are a good way to create strength in numbers.”

When Taylorsville City officials chose to establish community councils, they envisioned two for each of the city’s five council districts, or 10 total. However, Overson said she is only

aware of two active councils throughout the city.

“Besides the community council (2A) in my district, I know the other one is in Councilman (Ernest) Burgess district (one),” she said. “That group was responsible for the recent improvements made at the old Cabana Club (1560 West 4610 South). So these groups are able to get things done.”

Even as they celebrate the one-year anniversary of their improved Vista Park playground, Dearden isn’t even sure that is her community council’s biggest accomplishment.

“A few years ago, our community council also worked to get the nice wall

installed on the west side of Redwood Road, from 5000 to 5300 South,” she said. “That also involved a lot of work. But on that project — just like the playground project — the city council seemed very impressed with the research we put into it and authorized the funding to get it done.”

“On (the wall) project, community council members went to all of the affected homeowners themselves, to get approvals,” Overson added. “They did the legwork. I’d love to see more community councils become active so we could see improvements in other parts of the city.”

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Council 2A Chairman Larry Hiller said the group has not yet identified its next big project, but is always looking.

“Right now, we are working to strike a deal with a local store to get a discount on lightbulbs for outdoor lighting,” he said. “We want to make our neighborhoods safer by having more people leave their lights on overnight.”

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# The stop-walk-talk method

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Taylorsville Elementary is teaching students and their families how to react to bullying. The method, called Stop, Walk, Talk, focuses on using pro-social responses.

Magenta Silberman, a member of the Behavior Response Support Team at Taylorsville Elementary, explained how the method works. When someone does something mean or hurtful, the first response should be to tell them to stop. Suggested phrases are “That’s not cool” or “That’s enough.” She said it’s important to remain neutral and not react with anger or any other big emotion. If the bullying continues, the next step is to walk away from the situation, finding positive friends or adults to be around. If that has no effect on the situation, Silberman said it is time to talk to a parent or teacher.

Silberman teaches the method to students and teachers and then observes student behavior to identify students who could benefit from additional skills training in a small-group setting. She meets with three to eight students at a time, once a week, tailoring classes to the needs of the students. She talks with them about what good sportsmanship looks like, how to resolve disagreements positively, why they should avoid spreading rumors, accepting consequences for their behaviors and developing good communication skills. She said the skill set is not just for handling bullies.

“I believe this topic is important because when students are taught pro-social skills, they are able to generalize those skills across situations,” said Silberman. “This gives students the opportunity to better advocate for themselves and develop positive relationships with their peers.”

Principal Andrea McMillan said when students come to her office concerning a bullying situation, she asks them to express their feelings about the situation.

“We practice that kind of language with each other so that they can feel empowered to really tell somebody how they’re feeling versus getting really upset and not feeling like they got heard or that their feelings were valid,” she said.

Silberman said when students start responding positively with their new skills, other kids



Parents were introduced to the method the school teaches to deal with bullying situations so they can use it at home as well. (Jet Burnham/City Journals)

copy the behaviors.

“We have that peer pressure, but it can be used in a really positive way sometimes, too,” she said.

To have consistency at home and school with behaviors and responses, Silberman hosted an evening class to provide the same social skills training for parents.

Silberman said kids need a reference for understanding concepts. She suggested parents share examples of people the kids know who’ve been bullied. The discussion of how the person handled it can help the child understand their parents’ values.

Silberman suggests parents engage in role-playing activities with their children to arm them with the tools to deal with situations they may encounter in the future. Silberman believes when a teacher or parent sets specific expectations for behavior, shows the child what it looks like and then allows them to practice it, the child is better able to master the skill.

“This relates to academics and behavior as well—you tell them what you expect, you show them how to do it and let them do it,” she said.

A video was shown at the class to parents to prompt a discussion of what bullying is. Then parents shared some experiences of how they have responded to their child being bullied.

“You are the No. 1 models,” Silberman told parents. She reminded them that even though they may feel anger when someone has hurt their child, they need to set the example of remaining calm. She knows that kids will often respond the same way their parents do.

“When you have pro-social responses, those can be contagious,” said Silberman.

Silberman, who has a masters of education degree, is a second-year doctoral student at the School of Psychology program at the University of Utah. She works as a behavioral consultant at Taylorsville Elementary through a partnership between the two schools.

McMillan is thrilled to have such a great resource available to the students and their families. The program is provided at no cost to the school.





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## Mobile farmers market brings harvest to cancer patients

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From a distance, it looked like The Partridge Family's bus had parked next to Intermountain Medical Center's (IMC) Cancer Center. All that was missing was a band playing the TV show's signature tune "Get Happy." Upon closer inspection, it turned out to be The Green Urban Lunch Box's colorful bus there to help patients and their families get happy with a free farmers market.

The free farmers market was set up as a cooperative project between IMC and The Green Urban Lunch Box, a local community food production and hunger relief program, to share fresh fruits and vegetables with patients who are battling cancer.

On several Thursday afternoons in September, in IMC's Cancer Center (Building #3), the market ran until the bins were empty. In addition, registered dietitians from the hospital were on hand to share nutrition tips, education, and seasonal recipes to enhance patients' healing journey.

"We had an amazing turnout with patients and their loved ones filling bags before we set everything out," said Elisa Soulier, IMC's oncology LiVe Well program manager.

The Green Urban Lunch Box is an innovative program that maximizes existing resources (underutilized urban gardens and fruit trees) to fight hunger with fresh produce and strengthen local communities.

"I founded The Green Urban Lunch Box with the hope to get people to think differently about food and where it came from. I really want to use the resources in the community to make fresh food available to everyone," said Green Urban Lunch Box founder Shawn Peterson.

Food distributed at the cancer center's farmers market came through three programs: The FruitShare Program, the Back-Farms program, and from The Green Urban Lunch Box's farm in South Salt Lake.

The FruitShare program partners with fruit tree owners and community volunteers to harvest and distribute fruit that would otherwise go to waste. A tree owner can register their tree(s), and volunteers will come harvest the fruit. One third of the fruit goes to the homeowner, one third to the volunteers, and one third to hunger relief.

Back-Farms uses volunteers to build, cultivate, and maintain organic gardens in disadvantaged senior citizens' backyards at no cost to homeowners. Every garden is assigned a garden apprentice—a volunteer who is responsible for the garden during the growing season. Produce not used by the senior is harvested by the garden apprentice, or other volunteers who help in the garden, and donated to local senior centers or The Green Urban Lunch Box farmers market.

This summer, Intermountain Healthcare approached Peterson about the possibility of doing a free farmers market for cancer patients.

"They reached out to me and told me about the need of participants to have access to healthy foods and explained how IHC was trying to approach wellness from a holistic approach that took into account all aspects of life," said Peterson.

“We distributed more than 404 pounds of produce—which would normally cost \$1,030—for free to our patients in the course of two hours,” said Soulier. “The gratitude expressed by those who filled their bags was overwhelming. Everyone said how hard it is to get to the store when they’re spending hours getting treatments, and they said how expensive it can get to buy fresh produce. Good nutrition is fundamental to their cancer care, so we’re so happy we could support their healing through this effort.”

This isn't the first time that The Green Urban Lunch Box



*The Green Urban Lunch Box's Shawn Peterson assists a patron at IMC's free farmers market. (Photo courtesy of Green Urban Lunch Box)*

has partnered with another organization. In Ogden, the O-Town Kitchen gets produce to help keep single mothers employed.

Increased demand on The Green Urban Lunch Box's services has stretched volunteers to their limits.

“Come out and volunteer with us and help provide produce to hungry people,” encouraged Peterson.

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# Humane Society of Utah honors Taylorsville man who lost his life protecting a pet

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Humane Society of Utah Executive Director Gene Baierschmidt says what Jeremy Hardman of Taylorsville did last summer was historic—a “first ever.”

“In my 29 years in this position, I have never heard a story—here in Utah or anywhere across the country—of a man stopping his car and pulling over, to confront someone abusing a pet,” Baierschmidt said. “(The Humane Society of Utah) knew we had to do something to honor him.”

After stopping to confront the man allegedly abusing a dog, the suspect drove away—with the animal—and then made a U-turn, hitting and killing Hardman, 47, as he stood in a crosswalk at 3600 West 4100 South in West Valley City.

Aaron Hosman, 40, of West Jordan was arrested for the crime three days after the June 7 incident. He now faces murder and other charges.

Later in the summer the Humane Society presented Hardman’s mother, Judy Crocker, with a “Hero’s Award” on Jeremy’s behalf.

“We waited several weeks after the incident to give the family some time to grieve,” said Humane Society of Utah Marketing and Communications Director Deann Shepherd. “We held a quiet ceremony in the Memorial Plaza outside our facility.”

The Humane Society of Utah is located in Murray, just east of I-15 at 4242 South 300 West.

Judy and her husband Bill Crocker accepted a plaque honoring Jeremy and also looked on as the Humane Society named one of their dog kennels for Hardman.

“I hope this gesture helped Jeremy’s mother and other relatives and friends in their grieving process,” Baierschmidt continued. “Jeremy is a true hero. When he saw a dog being abused he didn’t hesitate to take action. He should be remembered for that. It’s just tragic and unbelievable he lost his life for it.”

In earlier media reports Judy Crocker claimed her son had



Humane Society of Utah Executive Director Gene Baierschmidt (left) joins Jeremy Hardman’s mother, Judy Crocker and her husband, Bill Crocker, at Jeremy’s memorial ceremony. (Deann Shepherd, HSU)

always been a “best friend” to animals. As a child he had pet dogs, cats, rabbits, even rats and hermit crabs.

The Humane Society of Utah’s Hero’s Award is rarely given out. In fact, the only other time veteran employees like Baierschmidt can recall it being given was several years ago to a group

of firefighters who went above and beyond the call of duty to save a pet.

Hardman’s memorial ceremony was held on National Dog Day, August 26.

The Humane Society reports that 70 percent of all households have at least one pet, primarily dogs or cats. As the issue of animal cruelty has become more recognized, every state in the country has now elevated some types of animal abuse to felony crimes.

“Research shows, people who are capable of abusing pets are much more likely to commit the same offenses against spouses or other people,” Shepherd said. “And children who witness animal abuse are more than eight times more likely to commit a domestic violence crime as an adult.”

The Humane Society of Utah is the largest private animal shelter in the state. The facility placed more than 11,000 pets into homes last year alone.

The Humane Society clinic served nearly a 1,000 pets a week in 2016, including 10,575 spays and neuters. More than 100,000 dog and cat vaccinations were also performed during the year.

“We place about 91 percent of all the animals we receive into homes,” Shepherd added. “We operate as a ‘no-kill’ facility, but we do have to perform mercy killings once in a while, if a dog or cat is simply too old or otherwise unhealthy to be placed with a family.”

The Humane Society of Utah is also proud of the pet education programs it conducts throughout the year.

“We have staff members and volunteers who take animals out to schools every day,” Shepherd said. “We teach kids different things about caring for pets, based on how old they are. But all of them are taught the importance of never abusing animals.”

Some 1,540 active volunteers donated more than 33,000 hours to the Humane Society in 2016.

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# City Council votes to support the Western Growth Coalition financially

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A group that’s been working nearly a decade to support the needs of cities, school districts, chambers of commerce and other entities — on the west side of the Salt Lake Valley — has finally reached the point where it is seeking financial support from many of those groups.

The Taylorsville City Council was one of the first to formalize that support, voting unanimously to make a \$395.79 payment to the Western Growth Coalition.

“The coalition is designed to protect the interests of the west side, particularly in legislative matters,” said City Councilwoman Kristie Overson, who has been attending their monthly meetings. “I think this group helps those of us living on the west side to have more clout.”

“I’m in favor of the coalition,” Councilwoman Dama Barbour said, as she voted to support payment of the fee. “Any time we can get more representation for our west side of the valley, I think it’s a good thing.”

The nearly \$400 Taylorsville City agreed to pay is part of a \$3,400 budget created by the Western Growth Coalition as it underwent a reorganization last spring. That’s also when coalition members elected West Jordan Chamber of Commerce president and CEO Aisza Wilde as its new president.

“The coalition is an extremely valuable resource for tracking what’s happening at the state legislature,” Wilde said. “Several of our west Salt Lake Valley cities aren’t represented at various legislative committee meetings. The coalition gives them a stronger voice.”

One of the original organizers of the Western Growth Coalition was former West Jordan Chamber President and CEO Craig Dearing.

“The coalition was created when the original plan for the

Mountain View Corridor was to make it a toll road,” Dearing said. “About that same time, east-side residents voted to create the Canyons School District, breaking away from the Jordan District. West-side cities weren’t organized and were not talking to each other.”

Jordan and Granite School districts are now represented on the coalition, along with member cities Bluffdale, Herriman, Riverton, South Jordan, Taylorsville, West Jordan and West Valley City. Smaller, unincorporated members include Copperton, Kearns and Magna.

Salt Lake County is also represented on the coalition, along with water, sewer and mosquito abatement districts.

“One of the primary things the Western Growth Coalition is tracking now is the continued construction of the Mountain View Corridor highway and the commercial development that will follow,” Overson added. “There’s been talk of legislation that could make it more difficult to see the kind of development that might be best for the west side, economically.”

Wilde agrees.

“The big, hairy animal we are dealing with right now is a proposed transportation bill,” she said. “There’s talk the bill might create penalties and incentives, which would impact what is built along the Mountain View Corridor highway.”

One of the coalition’s biggest concerns is a rumor the legislation would incentivize construction of high-density housing.

“The Jordan School District is particularly concerned about that,” Wilde added. “That could bring a lot of new kids into their boundary without enough funding to support them.”

The \$395.79 Taylorsville has agreed to pay to the Western Growth Coalition for this first budget is based on the city’s population and is about in the middle. With more than double Taylors-



The Western Growth Coalition carefully tracks important legislation at the Utah State Capitol. (Google photos.com)

ville’s population, West Valley City has been asked to pay the most (\$880.85). At the opposite end, tiny Copperton (population 826) is expected to pay only \$5.41.

“We have never asked cities for funding before, and this is a one-time request — at least for now,” Wilde said. “The funds will be primarily be spent to develop our website (\$3,000). The rest will pay our filing fee to become a 501c3 nonprofit entity (\$400).”

The Western Growth Coalition meets the third Monday of each month, at West Jordan City Hall, with the public welcome to attend.

“I know the coalition does not have the budget to hire legislative lobbyists,” Overson said. “But I could certainly see members of the coalition going to Capitol Hill during the state session to talk with representatives ourselves. I think the Western Growth Coalition gives us more standing to raise west-side concerns.” ✦

## Progress continues on Mid-Valley Performing Arts Center design

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Officials continue to discuss the arts center to be built southeast of Taylorsville City Hall. (Carl Fauver/City Journals)

As you drive past Taylorsville City Hall (2600 West 5400 South), you’ll see one lonely sign, in the vast ocean of grass directly southeast of the city building.

Eleven months after Taylorsville and Salt Lake County officials announced the coming of a new \$39 million Mid-Valley Performing Arts Center, the sign is still all that can be seen.

But officials promise much has been going on behind the scenes.

“We’ve been working to get a broad perspective of many different arts centers, in order to better know what features we want included in ours,” said City Councilwoman Kristie Overson, one of several Taylorsville City and Salt Lake County officials who have been meeting almost weekly to discuss the project.

As part of their fact-finding effort, the group toured Salt Lake’s Rose Wagner Performing Arts Center. The following week, several of them flew down and back to Phoenix, Arizona, in a single day, to tour a couple of venues there.

“About 14 of us went, four representing Taylorsville City,” said Mayor Larry Johnson. “The trip was very beneficial because we got to see some ‘top end’ things and some lower priced features. It helped us get a better feel for what we want our facility to look like.”

Joining Johnson and Overson — representing Taylorsville on the Arizona trek — were Community Development Director Mark McGrath and Arts Council Chairman Gordon Wolf. The Utah group visited the Tempe Center for the Arts and the Peoria Center for the Performing Arts.

“The Tempe facility is about 20 percent larger than the Peoria center and more upscale,” McGrath said. “The Peoria facility seemed to be more functional and community-based. I think most of us left (Arizona) thinking we’d like to see a mixture of the two (in the Taylorsville center).”

The Utah delegation was guided on detailed, behind-the-scenes tours at both sites. Besides holding art performances, the Phoenix-area centers host weddings, corporate events and many other activities — something McGrath said they hope to duplicate here.

“Our goal is to make this building as active as it can possibly be,” McGrath added. “We want it to be busy as many nights as possible, sometimes hosting multiple activities simultaneously.”

Not long after the Arizona trip, city and county leaders announced the MVPAC design team. Salt Lake-based architecture firm Method Studio was hired, along with a company called The Shalleck Collaborative, a theater design firm based in the San Francisco area.

“We are pleased to have Method Studio and The Shalleck Col-

laborative as our design team,” said Sarah Pearce, Salt Lake County’s Center for the Arts Division Director. “Both organizations have a deep understanding and appreciation of the important role the arts play in our state and a breadth of experience in designing cultural projects.”

Method Studio and its team members have designed facilities at Utah Valley, Dixie and Utah State universities. “We are pleased to be part of the MVPAC design team and consider it a great privilege,” said Method Studio Founding Partner Joe Smith.

Since 2003, The Shalleck Collaborative has worked on more than two dozen cultural facilities, similar to what the MVPAC is expected to be.

“We are delighted to be working with such a talented and committed team from the county, the city and Method Studio,” said Adam Shalleck, founding principal of the company.

Not long after the design team was announced, site options were unveiled at a Taylorsville City Council meeting. Council members and residents reviewed three different drawings of ways the new arts center might be oriented on the property. Specific designs for the structure itself have not yet been made public.

The MVPAC project remains on schedule, with groundbreaking scheduled next summer and a grand opening two years later.

The Mid-Valley Performing Arts Center is expected to feature a main performance venue seating about 400 patrons, along with a small space that can range in seating from 50 to 250, depending on the event. The entire facility is expected to be about 70,000 square feet, also including dressing rooms and rehearsal space.

Through the winter, MVPAC designers are expected to meet with various groups — including the Taylorsville Arts Council — to learn what amenities they would like the building to include. ✦





### Emergency

<b>Emergency</b>	<b>911</b>
<b>Unified Police Department Dispatch</b>	<b>801-743-7000</b>
<i>(Non-Emergencies)</i>	
<b>Fire Department</b>	<b>801-743-7200</b>
<b>Poison Control Center</b>	<b>1-800-222-1222</b>

### Frequently Called Numbers

Animal Control Shelter	801 -965 -5800
Animal Control After Hours Dispatch	801 -840 -4000
Building Inspection	801 -955 -2030
Chamber West <i>(Chamber of Commerce)</i>	801 -977 -8755
Gang Tip Line	385 -468 -9768
Garbage/Recycle/GreenWaste Pick-up <i>(Wasatch Front Waste &amp; Recycling)</i>	385 -468 -6325
Granite School District	385 -646 -5000
Health Department	385 -468 -4100
Highway Conditions <i>(from cell phone)</i>	511
Park Reservations	385 -468 -7275
Public Works <i>(Salt Lake County)</i>	385 -468 -6101
Questar	801 -324 -5000
Rocky Mountain Power	888 -221 -7070
Salt Lake County Recycling/Landfill	801 -974 -6920
Taylorsville - Bennion Imp. District	801 -968 -9081
Taylorsville Food Pantry	801 -815 -0003
Taylorsville Senior Center	801 -293 -8340
Taylorsville Neighborhood Compliance	801 -955 -2013
Taylorsville Justice Court	801 -963 -0268
Taylorsville Library	801 -943 -4636
Taylorsville Recreation Center	385 -468 -1732
Swimming Pool <i>(Memorial Day to Labor Day)</i>	801 -967 -5006
Taylorsville -Bennion Heritage Center	801 -281 -0631
UDOT Region 2	801 -975 -4900
Utah Transit Authority (UTA)	801 -743 -3882

### MAYOR'S MESSAGE



Mayor  
Larry Johnson

Thanksgiving is a holiday filled with time-honored traditions such as travel, turkey, football, cranberry sauce, freshly baked pies, and family and friends. It is a wonderful time of year to pause and reflect with thanks and gratitude. I feel blessed to be Mayor of such a great city. I am thankful for each of you and your positive contributions to strengthen our community. I encourage all of us to be mindful of those that are less fortunate. Giving to our food bank is one way to show we care. As you gather with family and friends, I hope you remember to give thanks simply for the opportunity to be together. Wishing you a happy & safe Thanksgiving!

—Mayor Johnson



### MAYOR'S CHOICE

#### RESTAURANT

##### **Chopfuku Sushi Bar and Asian Cuisine**

4546 S. Atherton Dr. (815 W) Suite #107 • Taylorsville, Utah 84129  
Phone (801) 819-0072 | [www.chopfuku.com](http://www.chopfuku.com)

**Favorite Starter** – Cajun Salmon | **Favorite Green** – Garden Salad  
**Favorite Sip** – Gyoza Soup | **Favorite Sushi** – California Roll

Mon - Thurs 10:30AM – 9:00PM | Fri 10:30AM – 9:30PM  
Sat 12PM – 9:30PM | Sun 12PM – 9:00PM



#### BUSINESS

##### **SKETCHERS Factory Outlet**

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## CITY OF TAYLORSVILLE 2017 GENERAL ELECTION INFORMATION

### TAYLORSVILLE CANDIDATES

#### Mayoral Candidates

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Larry Johnson  
801-879-4843  
[teebox72@yahoo.com](mailto:teebox72@yahoo.com)

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Meredith Harker  
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Ronald Allred  
801-968-0068  
[Ron32@allred.us](mailto:Ron32@allred.us)

#### Council District 5 Candidates:

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801- 599-8961  
[djarmstrong@armstrongduke.com](mailto:djarmstrong@armstrongduke.com)

John E. Fuller  
801-819-8873  
[Fuller1510@gmail.com](mailto:Fuller1510@gmail.com)

For information on Taylorsville candidates, please see the public contact information above and contact candidates directly.

Voters may also view candidate profiles on the State Voter Information website at: [www.VOTE.UTAH.GOV](http://www.VOTE.UTAH.GOV)  
(Enter your address, then submit, and click on "Sample Ballot, Profiles, Issues" to view candidate information.)

### BALLOT DROP-OFF OPTIONS

Salt Lake County has provided a number of Secure Ballot drop-off locations where sealed ballots may be deposited 24/7 until 8:00 pm on Election Night. A list of ballot box locations can be found at: [www.slco.org/clerk/elections](http://www.slco.org/clerk/elections).

Sealed ballots may also be dropped off at the Salt Lake County Elections Division (2001 S. State) or at any Salt Lake County Vote Center (including Taylorsville City Hall) on Election Day during voting hours: 7:00 am - 8:00 pm.

### GENERAL ELECTION DAY

November 7, 2017

Registered voters will be mailed their ballots for Taylorsville's Municipal General Election beginning the week of October 17th. Completed ballots may be returned by mail in the postage-paid envelope provided. Ballots returned by mail must be postmarked no later than the day before Election Day (November 6th).

Those who prefer to vote in person on machines may still do so during the Early Voting period prior to the election or on Election Day at any Salt Lake County Vote Center.

### EARLY VOTING - TAYLORSVILLE CITY HALL

(1st Floor of Taylorsville City Hall in Room 110)

Wed - Fri: October 25, 26, 27 & November 1, 2, 3

3:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m.

For Early Voting locations/hours, visit: [www.slco.org/clerk/elections](http://www.slco.org/clerk/elections)

For more information regarding elections, contact:

**Salt Lake County Clerk (Elections)**

[www.GOT-VOTE.org](http://www.GOT-VOTE.org)

385-468-8683

or

Cheryl Peacock Cottle, Taylorsville City Recorder

801-963-5400

[ccottle@taylorsvilleut.gov](mailto:ccottle@taylorsvilleut.gov)

### ELECTION DAY IN-PERSON VOTING

Vote Centers are open from 7:00 a.m. - 8:00 p.m. on Election Day (November 7th).

#### Taylorsville Election-Day Vote Center Locations:

Taylorsville City Hall, 2600 W Taylorsville Blvd.  
Taylorsville Senior Center, 4743 S Plymouth View Dr.  
LDS Bennion Church, 6250 S 2200 W

**NOTE:** Taylorsville Voters may vote at any Vote Center in Salt Lake County on Election Day and receive their appropriate Taylorsville Ballot.

For Vote Center Locations, call Salt Lake County Elections at 385-468-8683 or visit [www.slco.org/clerk/elections](http://www.slco.org/clerk/elections).

Voters may also vote in person at the Salt Lake County Clerk's Office  
County Government Center  
2001 South State Street  
South Building, First Floor  
From October 10 – November 7, 2017  
(weekdays only) 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

**Valid Voter ID is required to vote in person.**



COUNCIL CORNER

Tools in the Box for Redevelopment

As Councilmembers, we are often asked: What is the City doing to facilitate redevelopment and what can the City do? Redevelopment is not simple. It takes a lot of work and lot of negotiation. In order for the City to assist in redevelopment – we must have cooperation with the property owner, developers, and the City Council and Administration. In order to reach one deal it takes the investigation of many opportunities, only some are explored in further detail, and even fewer ever happen. Over the last several years, the City has explored many opportunities that make sense for developers, make sense for the City, but sometimes they don't make sense

for the property owners. So although the City has significant tools and influence and can aid in redevelopment, with very few exceptions, the City cannot force a property owner to sell their property. When negotiations begin, we are often bound by non-disclosure agreements, so the citizens are not aware of the work that is going on, unless and until the deal is successful. What is the City doing? We are actively exploring possibilities and opportunities for blighted areas of the City. The City has seen some remarkable redevelopment in the last few years, and our goals are to ensure those are successful and continue to spread to other areas of the City.



<b>Council Chairman</b> Brad Christopherson – District #3 <a href="mailto:bchristopherson@taylorsvilleut.gov">bchristopherson@taylorsvilleut.gov</a>	<b>Council Member</b> Dama Barbour – District #4 <a href="mailto:dbarbour@taylorsvilleut.gov">dbarbour@taylorsvilleut.gov</a>	<b>Council Member</b> Ernest Burgess – District #1 <a href="mailto:eburgess@taylorsvilleut.gov">eburgess@taylorsvilleut.gov</a>	<b>Council Member</b> Kristie Overson – District #2 <a href="mailto:koverson@taylorsvilleut.gov">koverson@taylorsvilleut.gov</a>	<b>Council Vice-Chair</b> Dan Armstrong – District #5 <a href="mailto:darmstrong@taylorsvilleut.gov">darmstrong@taylorsvilleut.gov</a>
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NEW BUSINESSES

Welcome to  
Taylorsville!

**LaLa Nails & Spa, LLC**  
2582 West 4700 South  
Nail Salon

**Monte Vista MHC**  
4595 S. Monte Vista  
Mobile Home Park (New Owner)

**Ramos Transportation, LLC**  
5991 S. Redwood Road  
Transportation

Save Time and Money this Holiday Season



Utilize our online bill payment option that saves you time and money. This feature gives you more flexibility in how you pay your bill this busy time of year. If you have an internet connection and an email address, you can pay your bill online. It's fast, it's easy, it's secure, and you no longer have to write a check each month or find a stamp when it's time to send in your payment.

We have partnered with Xpress Bill Pay, the premier provider for online payment systems. Once you sign up for your free account and start using this service, you'll wonder how you ever got along without it!

When you're ready to pay your bill, select a payment type. You can pay with credit card, debit card, or electronic funds transfer. Then enter the information and you're done! It's that easy, and only takes you a few minutes each month. Or you can set up your bill on Auto Pay and have it automatically paid for you each month! We offered this service at the request of our customers — you asked and we delivered! To make a payment or sign up, go to our website [www.tbid.org](http://www.tbid.org) select Pay Bill Online and Sign Up.

And remember, it's free to sign up and free to use. If you have any questions regarding this article please contact Dan McDougal, Communications Manager, at Taylorsville-Bennion Improvement District: 801-968-9081 / [danmcdougal@tbid.org](mailto:danmcdougal@tbid.org) or visit our website at [www.tbid.org](http://www.tbid.org)



UPCOMING PUBLIC MEETINGS

City Council	Wednesday, November 1	6:30 p.m.
Planning Commission	Tuesday, November 14	7:00 p.m.
City Council	Wednesday, November 15	6:30 p.m.
Board of Canvassers	Tuesday, November 21	6:00 p.m.





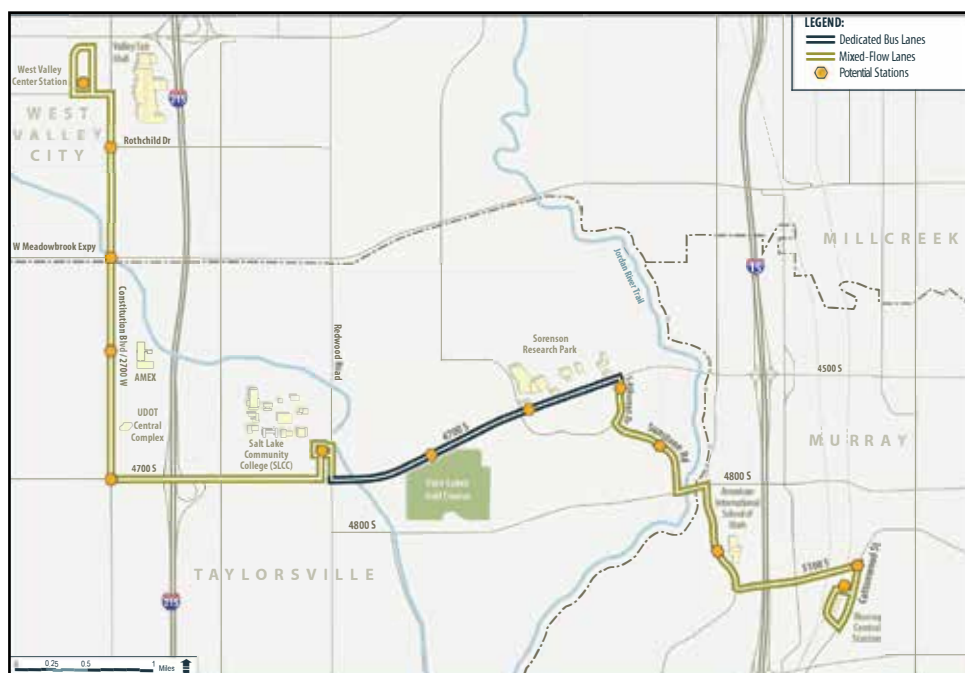


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Communities  
through Better  
Transportation  
Options*

## The Midvalley Connector is coming to your community!

This new bus rapid transit (BRT) route will connect Murray, Taylorsville, and West Valley and will feature:

- Faster, more frequent service
- Exclusive BRT lanes along 4500/4700 South
- An enhanced transit plaza at the SLCC Redwood Campus
- Connections to TRAX and FrontRunner at Murray and West Valley Central Stations



Learn more at

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[info@midvalleyconnector.com](mailto:info@midvalleyconnector.com) | 801.355.1112

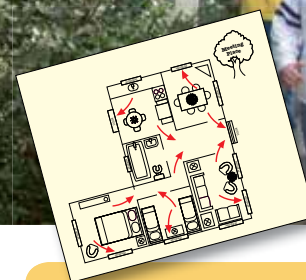


Chief Jay Ziolkowski

## NOVEMBER SAFETY MESSAGE



**Plan Ahead!** If a fire breaks out in your home, you may have only a few minutes to get out safely once the smoke alarm sounds. Everyone needs to know what to do and where to go if there is a fire.



### SAFETY TIPS

- » MAKE a home escape plan. Draw a map of your home showing all doors and windows. Discuss the plan with everyone in your home.
- » KNOW at least two ways out of every room, if possible. Make sure all doors and windows leading outside open easily.
- » HAVE an outside meeting place (like a tree, light pole or mailbox) a safe distance from the home where everyone should meet.
- » PRACTICE your home fire drill at night and during the day with everyone in your home, twice a year.
- » PRACTICE using different ways out.
- » TEACH children how to escape on their own in case you can't help them.
- » CLOSE doors behind you as you leave.

### IF THE ALARM SOUNDS...

- » If the smoke alarm sounds, GET OUT AND STAY OUT. Never go back inside for people or pets.
- » If you have to escape through smoke, GET LOW AND GO under the smoke to your way out.
- » CALL the fire department from outside your home.



**Your Source for SAFETY Information**

NFPA Public Education Division • 1 Batterymarch Park, Quincy, MA 02169

### FACTS

- ! A closed door may slow the spread of smoke, heat, and fire. Install smoke alarms inside every sleeping room and outside each separate sleeping area. Install alarms on every level of the home. Smoke alarms should be interconnected. When one smoke alarm sounds, they all sound.
- ! According to an NFPA survey, only **one of every three** American households have actually developed and practiced a home fire escape plan.
- ! While **71%** of Americans have an escape plan in case of a fire, only **47%** of those have practiced it.
- ! **One-third** of American households who made an estimate thought they would have at least 6 minutes before a fire in their home would become life-threatening. The time available is often less. And only **8%** said their first thought on hearing a smoke alarm would be to get out!





## Taylorsville Bennion Heritage Remembrances



Taylorsville men in WW I

The article below is from an old Taylorsville Tattler paper dated July 1944. It was sent out to remind our community who is serving and where they served.

### NUMEROUS SERVICEMEN VISIT HOMES ON LEAVE

Donald Kinder, Alvin Mackay, Eldon Mackay, Vaughan Barker, Wilbur Simper, Henry Hintze, Lester Paxton, Marvin McLachlan, Richard Lindsay, Ferris Barker, George Tarbox, Leonard Telford, and Grant Powell have had furloughs since the last edition of the Tattler.

Henry Hintze, George Tarbox and Donald Kinder, all Navy men, were the first ones home. Henry's stay was short as delayed traveling orders didn't allow for much time. George was home long to have Gerrard Street covered with rubber, and Donald was flashing three campaign ribbons.

Other fellows looking mighty fine in Navy blues are Eldon Mackay, Richard Lindsay, and Leonard Telford, Ferris Barker's mother, didn't know him when he stepped out of a Taxi in his sleek gray chief's uniform! Marines, Grant Powell and Marvin McLachlan, represented the leather-necks. Grant kept Beverlee busy, and Marvin attempted to keep 12 girls busy.

From the Air Corps came newly commissioned Lt. Wilbur Simper, and from the field artillery Lt. Lester Paxton, and from Denver came Vaughn Barker sporting a cream-colored convertible.!

Alvin Mackay however, pulled the most unique trick yet - He had leave from North Carolina and got the rheumatic fever on the way, so he has spent several months in the Kearns hospital and is stationed there, now his health is improving. Expected home soon is John Vay Simper from Camp Roberts, California and Martin Cook from the infantry in Georgia.

Taylorsville's two new additions to the Navy are Eldon Moss and Willis Rupp. BEST OF LUCK BOYS!

## FALL LEAF COLLECTION

The annual Fall Leaf Collection Program will begin on October 15 and last through November 30.

During this time Taylorsville residents can pick up leaf bags at:

- Kearns Library: 5350 S. 4220 W.
- Taylorsville City Hall: 2600 W. Taylorsville Blvd.

### Leaf Bags can be dropped off at:

- South Ridge Park: 5210 S. 4015 W.
- Valley Ball Complex: 5100 S. 2700 W.
- Vista Park: 5000 S. 2055 W.

WFWRD leaf bags are limited to 10 bags (1-roll) per household, and available while supplies last. Residents can also use and drop off their own purchased leaf bags or lawn bags, as long as they only contain leaves.

## SHARPS CONTAINERS



There are many medical conditions which require the use of lancets or needles. Due to the extreme health and safety hazards these items pose, it is important to remember that these items should never be placed loosely in your garbage can, but should be disposed of in a properly identified sharps container. Also, these items, including sharps containers, are not recyclable and should never be placed in your blue recycle can. For more information, you can contact the Salt Lake County Health Department (385-468-4100 / [slco.org/health](http://slco.org/health)) on proper disposal of these and other hazardous materials.

## CART PLACEMENTS



Please remember to keep your garbage/recycle/green carts at least three feet away from each other and from other objects, such as cars, trees, or mailboxes. This space is needed for the automated collection arms on our trucks to safely grab and empty the carts.



604 South 6960 West, Midvale UT 84047 • [wasatchfrontwaste.org](http://wasatchfrontwaste.org)  
Office: 385-468-6325 • Fax: 385-468-6330 • [info@wasatchfrontwaste.org](mailto:info@wasatchfrontwaste.org)



## City of Taylorsville Holiday Food Drive

The Taylorsville Food Pantry is in need of assistance to help fill the shelves for the Thanksgiving and Christmas holiday meals.

### MOST-NEEDED ITEMS:

Canned Fruit, Cranberry Sauce, Raisins, Yams, Pumpkin, Boxed Stuffing, Turkey, Ham

### HOURS OF OPERATION:

Monday 1PM – 3PM,  
Wednesday 4PM – 6PM,  
Saturday 10AM – 12PM (Noon)

\*Donations may be dropped off during operating hours

Taylorsville Food Pantry  
4775 South Plymouth View Drive  
Taylorsville, Utah 84123  
[www.TaylorsvilleFoodPantry.org](http://www.TaylorsvilleFoodPantry.org)  
Phone: (801) 815-0003





### Taylorsville Exchange Club Recognizes Firefighter of the Year & Police Officer of the Year



**Firefighter of the Year**  
**Taylorsville Exchange Club 2017**  
**Firefighter/Paramedic Santos Gallegos**



**Police Officer of the Year**  
**Taylorsville Exchange Club 2017**  
**Officer Jerry Valdez**

Paramedic Santos Gallegos has humbly served the citizens of Taylorsville for the past 13 years and our department for 16. The spotlight on him today will make him a little uncomfortable, but there is not a paramedic in Taylorsville that deserves it more. There are many residents of Taylorsville enjoying a much greater quality of life and several who enjoy their very lives because of Paramedic Gallegos. His skill and knowledge in Paramedicine is remarkable and so exceptional that he is involved in teaching, mentoring and certifying all other paramedics on our department. Paramedic Gallegos may have a bit of a gruff exterior, but there is no other paramedic on the job that treats every patient, regardless of their socioeconomic status or time of day, with the level of respect, compassion, and empathy that he displays.

As well as being an excellent medical care provider, Paramedic Gallegos is an aggressive, smart and safe firefighter who relishes the opportunity to take risks required to save the lives and property of the citizens of Taylorsville.

Paramedic Gallegos is a Husband, Father, Son, Brother, football fan and an all-around great man.

Jerry has worked a combination of Corrections and Law Enforcement with the Salt Lake County Sheriff's Office and Unified Police Department, including work as an investigator with the Metro Gang Unit. Officer Valdez has a strong work ethic and works diligently in his service to the Taylorsville community.

Jerry is the father of three children and married to his high school sweetheart, Andrea. In addition to his many responsibilities as an Officer with the Unified Police Department in Taylorsville City. Jerry also donates a significant amount of time every year to working with children, specifically in coaching baseball and administrative functions in and around Salt Lake City.

Jerry is a pillar in his community and an example to us all. His service to the community is commendable. It is an honor to nominate Officer Jerry Valdez for the Taylorsville Exchange Club Officer of the Year.

### Coldwell Banker Community Foundation presents \$2,000 gift to Taylorsville Food Pantry (Tri-Park Services)



Left to Right: Mayor Larry Johnson, Morris Pratt -Tri-Park Services, Council Member Kristie Overson, David Coleman -Coldwell Banker Community Foundation

## Saturday with Santa

**Saturday, December 2, 2017 from 2PM - 4PM**  
**Taylorsville-Bennion Heritage Center (Dairy Store)**  
**1488 West 4800 South Taylorsville, Utah**

*Free Event - Open to the Public*

Leisure Activities, Recreation & Parks Committee (LARP)

## HOLIDAY OUTDOOR DECOR CONTEST

Show off your community pride and holiday spirit by nominating yourself or a neighbor in the City of Taylorsville for the HOLIDAY OUTDOOR DECOR CONTEST!

Submit a picture or video via email to [LARP@taylorsvilleut.gov](mailto:LARP@taylorsvilleut.gov)

**All entries must be received by Tuesday, January 2, 2018 at 5PM.**

There will be two award recipients selected by the Taylorsville LARP Committee!





# FAMILY FALL FESTIVAL





## GREENHOUSE WINTER GARDENING

The Community Greenhouse is now open.  
The winter gardening fee is \$45.00



For additional information please contact:  
Toni Lenning at 801-414-4192

### Amateur Radio Technician License Exam Sessions

The City of Taylorsville and UtahSAG are proud to host W5YI Amateur Radio license exam sessions. Anyone interested in testing to receive or upgrade their ham radio license is welcome to attend. The sessions will be held on the last Monday of most months from 7:00 p.m. - 9:00 p.m. at Taylorsville City Hall.

The scheduled testing sessions for 2017 are:

- November 27



Register on-line at [www.hamstudy.org](http://www.hamstudy.org)

NOTE: The testing sessions are not a course that will prepare you to take the license exams. Studying ahead of time is highly recommended. If you have any questions, contact Taylorsville Emergency Management at (801) 963-5400.



### TAYLORSVILLE CITY CEMETERY PLOTS AVAILABLE

*Special Pricing*  
for Taylorsville Residents

**Please Contact:**  
Lee Bennion - 801.834.4325

Taylorsville City Green Committee and the Utah Recycling Alliance are proud to announce

## America Recycles Day Fix-It Clinic

November 18<sup>th</sup>, 2pm to 4pm Taylorsville City Hall, 2600 W Taylorsville Blvd (5400 S)



This Fix-It clinic is to help residents diagnose and derive confidence to self repair, take apart, and troubleshoot mechanical or electrical failures of small appliances. This is a great opportunity to patch up older items that can have a second life, instead of throwing them away, or buying the same products in the upcoming holiday season.

Please contact Jeffrey Summerhays, 385-468-6337 or [jsummerhays@wasachtfrontwaste.org](mailto:jsummerhays@wasachtfrontwaste.org) with questions, or if you can volunteer your handyman/handywoman skills.





## Winter driving safety: Snow falls and you slow down

By Travis Barton | [travis@mycityjournals.com](mailto:travis@mycityjournals.com)

The long line at the local auto body shop isn't just for oil changes, it's for winter tires too. With temperatures dropping and leaves soon to follow, it's time for a refresher course on safe winter driving.

### 1) Know the conditions

Technology affords us the privilege of knowing road conditions before ever leaving the house.

Utah Department of Transportation has more than 2,200 traffic cameras or sensors which gives visuals and data on all major UDOT roads. Drivers can then adjust their routes or schedules according to the heaviness of traffic making for less congestion and less risk for accidents.

The UDOT app means you can see all those cameras from your phone.

Twitter feeds also provide alerts about traffic situations throughout the state, including roads up the canyon. Unified Police have a canyon alerts twitter page for to update traffic in Big and Little Cottonwood Canyons as well as tire requirements and road closures.

### 2) Prepare the car

Make sure the car is prepared for the road conditions, first with good tires. Snow tires give greater tread for better traction.

If only two new tires are placed on the car, make sure to put them in the rear.

With the falling snow, it's necessary to have quality wiper blades that ensures clear views rather than leaving water streaks across windshield impairing your ability to drive. The wiper fluid reservoir also needs to be replenished before the first snows hit.

Snow and ice should be completely removed from the windows, headlights and taillights prior to driving to ensure visibility.

If your car is parked outside overnight, place towels over the windows. This keeps the windows from icing over.

A system should be in place to check everything in your car such as the battery power and your cooling system. Antifreeze helps the vehicle withstand the freezing temperatures.

The vehicle should also be stocked with a safety items in the case of an emergency.

The Utah Department of Public Safety suggests on its website to have jumper cables, a tow rope and small shovel in case the car gets

stuck, reflectors or flares to make sure your car is visible to others driving, flashlight and batteries, extra winter clothes, first-aid kit, batter or solar powered radio, sleeping bag, fresh water and non-perishable food, paper towels and hand warmers.

### 3) Control the vehicle

Keeping the car under control requires some safe driving tips. The most obvious: drive slow.

Despite our impatience or urgency to get to the desired location, slow driving is the safest driving. Staying under the speed limit, which is meant for ideal conditions, becomes even more important when traveling over snow, ice, standing water or slush.

In drivers education courses, prospective drivers learn about the rule for distance between your car and the one in front of you. Driving 60 mph? Stay six car lengths back. 70 mph? Seven car lengths back. This distance should be increased even more during wet conditions to allow the car time and space to stop without rear ending the vehicle in front.

All movements should be gradual rather than sudden. This means avoiding sharp turns, accelerating slowly and braking softly. Though you may have four-wheel drive or even all-wheel drive, this does not give license to drive recklessly in winter conditions. This means staying off cruise control as well.

The need for seat belts increases tenfold during the winter. With car seats, place coats or blankets around the children after strapping them in. Coats can limit the effectiveness of a car seat.

Stay alert. Deer become more active after storms. Black ice causes many crashes and that ice typically looks like wet spots. If skidding does take place, steer in the direction the back of the car is going and ease off the gas.

Remember to keep the gas tank at least half way full, it will keep the gas tank from freezing and if you get stuck in a traffic jam, you may need as much gas as possible.

### 4) Time

For those of you who struggle with punctuality, this becomes paramount. Giving yourself plenty of time to reach your destination means you won't rush, decreasing the chances of a crash. ✦

## Bruins coach wins No. 500

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Sue Dulaney is completing her 10th year as the head volleyball coach at Salt Lake Community College. (SLCC Athletics)

Salt Lake Community College head volleyball coach Sue Dulaney recently captured a milestone victory in her illustrious career.

In the Bruins' first road trip of the season to Colorado Northwestern, they completed a two-match sweep and handed Dulaney her 500th career victory. Her current team celebrated the milestone while appreciating her dedication.

"Sue is great to work with," assistant Bruins volleyball coach Scott Keister said. "She is always looking out for the kids. She is very kind, yet tough-nosed when she needs to be. She holds them to a higher standard. I know she cares about our players as much off the court as she does on the court."

The Bruins captured the 3-1 Oct. 7 victory by taking down the Spartans 25-17, 23-25, 25-19, 25-19. It was their 14th victory on the season. Freshman Megan Treanor led the team with 16 kills. The Bruins held off a final set rally forcing the Spartans into difficult scoring situations.

They currently have a 5-2 conference record. Their only losses were to Snow College. The players credit Dulaney for helping them to stay focused on their game.

"Sue is a very intelligent coach," freshman Lexi Desmarais said. "She knows what she is talking about and is amazing at transferring that into our practice and games. She helps us stay disciplined so that we can be playing our best volleyball. It is very rewarding."

Dulaney's coaching career spans 34 years. She is the winningest coach in Salt Lake Community College history and has produced 19 consecutive 20-win seasons. She began coaching at SLCC in 2008.

Her college coaching career began in 2000 at Western Wyoming Community College. She resurrected its program after a 20 year hiatus. She

secured a 245-111 record in her seven years at Western Wyoming.

Last season the Bruins placed fifth in the NJCAA tournament. They have finished in the top 10 six times in her nine years at the school.

"She takes the time to listen to us and talk about where we are at in the season, but she is also very social with us even when it is not about volleyball. I believe that helps build a great team," Desmarais said.

The relationship she has with her players shows in the team's success.

"Year after year, we are in the top 10," Keister said. "Every player she has coached maintains a lasting relationship with her because of the good she has done for them in each of their lives. She is there with them through the trials as well as the successes."

The Bruins have had success helping players continue their volleyball career and education goals. Currently, Brighton Taylor is attending Utah Valley University, Rachel Davis is at University of Alaska-Fairbanks, Nicole Peacock is at Montana Tech University, and Andrea Brady is at Colorado State.

Desmarais is a Herriman High School graduate. She decided to attend SLCC after several other offers did not work out.

"SLCC has always been a dream for me," she said. "As a kid, I came to one of their games and got a poster signed. It stayed up in my room for like a year. My goal as a kid was to play college ball here. A spot came open, and I was offered to walk on, so I did."

The Region 18 tournament is scheduled for Friday, Nov. 3 and Saturday, Nov. 4 at the Region's champion (at press time to be determined.) The national tournament is scheduled to be held in Hutchinson, Kansas, Nov. 16-18. ✦

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# Stars hold open tryout

By Greg James | [gregj@mycityjournals.com](mailto:gregj@mycityjournals.com)

Are you sitting on the couch playing Xbox, playing all the late-night church pick-up games, and still no NBA scout has come knocking on your door? The Salt Lake City Stars hosted an open tryout for those that think they still got it.

On Sept. 30, several hundred basketball hopefuls showed up for a four-hour speed dating-style workout in front of Stars and Jazz executives.

The event gave NBA G League hopefuls the opportunity to showcase their talents. Participants worked in teams and individual drills as well as scrimmaged. Players were vying for an invitation to the Stars training camp that began in October.

A simple look at the Stars roster and you find players at different stages of their careers. There can be recognizable names from high-profile schools, undrafted players and NBA players assigned to the team to gain seasoning.

In 2017, the NBA expanded its rosters from 15 to 17 players to include two players under two-way contracts. The two-way player spends the bulk of the season with his assigned G League team and not more than 45 days with the NBA team.

The Jazz currently have Eric Griffin, a 6-foot-8-inch forward, and Nate Wolters a 6-foot-4-inch guard, signed to two-way contracts.

Griffin joined the Jazz this summer in its summer league; he averaged 8.6 points per game, six rebounds and 1.3 blocks. He finished his college career at Campbell University in North Carolina and played professionally in Israel.

Wolters has had previous NBA experience with the Milwaukee Bucks and New Orleans Pelicans. He was an All-American at South Dakota State.

The Stars also hold the rights to any player who has played for them within the last two seasons, as long as they have not re-

leased that player. Examples on the Stars roster include Sundiata Gaines, Tyrone Wallace and Quincy Ford.

When NBA teams trim their rosters during training camp, the G League affiliate has first crack at acquiring those players. They can designate up to four affiliate players. The players remain NBA free agents, but the NBA front offices still keep them in their system.

The Stars can invite up to five players from the open tryout to their training camp. In 2007 Jonathan Simmons participated in an Austin Spurs local tryout. He eventually was part of the 2015–16 San Antonio Spurs roster.

When the Jazz's Dante Exum was injured this fall, it increased the likelihood that former Stars player Raul Neto will stay with the team. Neto played several games with the Stars last season and seemed to be the odd man out in the Jazz tight back court.

The Stars acquired Michael Qualls in an offseason trade with the Oklahoma City Blue. The 6-foot 6-inch forward played three seasons with Arkansas and was named Second Team All-SEC in his final year.



Players at the Salt Lake City Stars open tryout participated in individual and team drills. (Alex Lowry/Utah Jazz)

The Stars' first Home game is scheduled for Nov. 8 against the Wisconsin Herd. They begin the season with two road games Nov. 3 (at Austin) and Nov. 5 (at Memphis.)

If you missed the open tryout this season, keep playing the Xbox and working on your skills; there will be another opportunity next year. For more Stars information visit their website [www.saltlakecitygleague.nba.com](http://www.saltlakecitygleague.nba.com). ✦

## Salt Lake County Council's MESSAGE

### County creates Intergenerational Poverty Task Force

By Salt Lake County Councilwoman Aimee Winder Newton



Salt Lake County is a place that offers tremendous opportunity for its residents to live, work, and raise a family. The county has a solid 2.6 percent job growth rate and low unemployment rate of 3.2 percent, both indicators of a growing economy.

We know that job growth and free enterprise are the best tools to help people escape poverty, and we've seen that manifested in Salt Lake County, throughout Utah, and even across the globe.

However, for some Salt Lake County residents, there are still additional barriers to tapping into that economic opportunity. I'm referring specifically to intergenerational poverty, which is a unique, more chronic form of poverty defined by use of public assistance continuing from one generation to the next. It typically afflicts young single mothers who have limited education, and are raising young children. Single parenthood, lack of education, and lack of steady employment are the biggest risk factors.

A child who grows up in a home dependent on public assistance has a higher risk of remaining in poverty as they become an adult, correlating with more use of welfare and the continuation of the cycle. More than

37,000 people are living in this cycle of poverty today in Salt Lake County (more than 16,000 adults and 20,000 children).

In October, I asked the County Council for support to create the Salt Lake County Intergenerational Poverty Task Force. They unanimously approved the new initiative, which will focus on how to help families stuck in a cycle of poverty in our county.

For several years now, the state's Department of Workforce Services has been collecting data and publishing research on intergenerational poverty, to equip policymakers at both the state and local level with as much information as possible. We're constantly learning more about the factors that contribute to this form of poverty, and the obstacles faced by those impacted.

The bottom line is this: intergenerational poverty is fundamentally different and more intractable than traditional poverty. Thousands of our neighbors are trapped in reliance on public assistance, limiting their ability to contribute to our economy and community, and presenting a significant cost to taxpayers. This situation also brings increased rates of abuse, less stable housing and home environments, and challenges finding steady em-

ployment.

Their children represent the next generation of this cycle, but it doesn't have to stay that way. Since the problem is unique, so too must be the solution.

The Salt Lake County Intergenerational Poverty Task Force will bring together willing partners from different spheres, including county government, regional representatives from state government, school districts, and other relevant community leaders in our county to discuss ways to align current anti-poverty efforts for improved outcomes specific to intergenerational poverty.

Every resident in our county deserves the opportunity to work, innovate, and contribute in a way that allows them to unlock their full potential, and to break free of the harmful effects their impoverished state. Every child in our county deserves the chance to grow up equipped with the right foundation to earn their own success as adults, hopefully never needing to rely on welfare.

Simply put, we need to recruit them into helping us build the future of Salt Lake County. With the right approach, I believe we'll succeed.



# Retiring Taylorsville Food Pantry executive leaving big shoes to fill

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Taylorsville Food Pantry volunteers will be under new leadership when President Morris Pratt retires (Carl Fauver).

Former two-term Taylorsville City Council member Morris Pratt is retiring next month, as president of Tri-Park Services, the 501c3 nonprofit corporation that operates the city’s food pantry (4475 South Plymouth View Drive, near 1600 West).

His impending departure has city officials scrambling, because so far no one seems to want to do that much work for virtually no pay.

“You are leaving some great shoes to fill, because I know you basically started the food pantry on your own,” City Councilwoman Kristie Overson said during the council meeting when Pratt made his announcement. “We’re very grateful for all that you’ve done and hope we can find someone qualified enough to replace you.”

City officials say they plan to advertise for the position. But given the extremely low budget for the mostly voluntary position, they are concerned about filling the slot.

“It’s no secret I have had the desire to step down for the last couple of years,” Pratt said in an open letter the city. “But after talking with several potential (replacements), they have not been willing to accept. I am hoping a new effort to find someone will be more successful in the very near future.”

The organization that operates the Taylorsville Food Pantry (Tri-Park Services Inc.) got its name because the pantry grew out of the efforts originally begun by three mobile home

communities.

“Back in 2004, three mobile home parks in the area of 1100 West 4800 South — Majestic Meadows, Monte Vista and Majestic Oaks — were occupied almost exclusively by senior citizens,” Pratt said. “The residents got together to start gathering food and necessities for their low-income neighbors. I became involved as a member of the city council.”

Before long, Tri-Park Services was formed, nonprofit recognition was granted and the effort became affiliated with the Utah Food Bank.

“I served on the Tri-Parks Board of Directors from the beginning but did not become president until after leaving the city council, eight years ago,” Pratt said. “It’s been a very important part of my life.”

The food pantry operates on a shoestring budget of \$15,000 to \$20,000 annually. Most of the funding comes from Community Development Block Grants, federal money doled out by Taylorsville City to various organizations.

“The city constructed our building and pays for things like electricity,” Pratt added. “But our ongoing budget comes from CDBG funds and about \$5,000 each year in private donations.”

The Taylorsville Food Pantry received an unusually large donation this year from the Regal Cinemas chain. Fundraising ticket sales at the Regal Crossroads 14 & RPX (5516 South Redwood Road) generated \$33,000, with the

pantry receiving a third of it (\$11,000).

In addition to his willingness to work for almost no pay, Pratt has also brought professional skills to his position that could prove difficult to replace. As an accountant, he has handled the pantry’s tax filings and other book-keeping.

“I don’t know how we’ll ever be able to replace your institutional knowledge and passion,” City Councilwoman Dama Barbour told Pratt. “You have provided a great service to the city and to those in need.”

While accepting the council’s appreciation Pratt was also quick to deflect the praise to the many volunteers who serve the Taylorsville Food Pantry.

“They are the ones getting their nails dirty,” he said. “Our volunteer base is very consistent and we couldn’t operate the pantry without them.”

The Taylorsville Food Pantry is open six hours each week, Mondays 1–3 p.m., Wednesdays 4–6 p.m. and Saturdays 10 a.m. to noon.

Before leaving the city council meeting where he announced his retirement, Pratt promised he would stay on into next year if no replacement has been found.

“I won’t let the place close because it means too much to me,” Pratt said. “But I am also determined to see someone else take over. It’s time.” ✦

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## Surviving the final cut

By Greg James | [gregj@mycityjournals.com](mailto:gregj@mycityjournals.com)

For one week in the middle of November the entire high school hinges on the decisions of a few coaches. A select few players find their names printed on the list hanging on the coach’s door signaling triumph. They made it, but for most it means disappointment.

What can be done to improve your chances of making the team?

“Getting ready for tryouts can be important. The reason we have open gyms, weights and conditioning is to help them have a better chance to make the team,” Cyprus head boys basketball coach Tre Smith said. “During this time the coaches are able to get familiar with the player and his game.”

Many high school coaches offer open gym and practice for those interested in playing basketball. Taylorsville’s girls started working together before school ended last summer. They spent several weeks during the spring and summer months practicing two times a week and entered into a spring high school league hosted by Highland High School.

“We are a 6A high school varsity basketball program so we compete against the very best athletes in the state of Utah. We are looking for the most skilled players that our school has to offer. We want unique attributes that can help us win games,” Taylorsville girls head coach Jodi Lee said.

Riverton High coaches enter their varsity, junior varsity and sophomore teams into the summer Big Mountain Jam held at the South Towne Exposition Center in Sandy every July.

Many coaches find playing games the best way to help the players improve.

“I think skill development is the best thing for players in the off-season. Playing games is important, but focus on your weakness when you have the time to concentrate on it,” Smith said. “I come from an athletic background, and I think it is extremely important for kids to play multiple sports. All sports can help you become a better athlete to a certain degree. Being in the gym five to six times per week will help if they have the dream of playing college basketball.”

Coaches are interested in the commitment the player will demonstrate in tryouts and before.

“I think it is important for the kids to focus beforehand and make sure their grades are good. The first day of tryouts I ask for grades and GPA (grade point average), it tells how committed they are,” first year West Jordan girls head coach Loimatasialei Lolohea said.

According to Utah High School Activities Association rules, each player must maintain a minimum 2.0 GPA and have not more than one failing grade. Some schools alter these rules to maintain a higher standard of academic excellence.

The UHSAA also requires athletes to visit a doctor and have a physical examination once



Riverton junior Mike Erickson (#10) scored points in only two varsity games last season, yet still tried to contribute his best every day in practice. (Dave Sanderson/dsandersonpics.com)

a year. One physical can be used to play multiple sports.

Participating in work outs before tryout week can be important, but coaches say the week of tryouts is also important.

“I think the players should focus on what they do well. If you are a good rebounder, then grab every rebound. If you’re a good shooter, then shoot when you are open. If three point shooting is not your thing, don’t step out and take one during tryouts,” Lolohea said.

Every season coaches hear from upset players or parents.

“I hear it every season, ‘the team is already picked.’ I go into every season with an open mind. I want kids that are dedicated to excellence in the program,” Smith said. “Can they can take it serious? Kids that have been on my roster on previous years know that it is a new beginning. They need to be improved to make the roster again.”

Getting cut from the team is not the end of a basketball career. Learning and improving for the next time is important.

“Be a good teammate, stand out, we look for leaders. Communicate with your team, dive on the floor, box out on every shot, sprint down the court. This is what I think is important.” Lolohea said. ✦



# Granite School District Bond to improve facilities on November ballot

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Granite School District household financial breakdown from [gsdfuture.org](http://gsdfuture.org) videos. ([gsdfuture.org](http://gsdfuture.org))

Granite School District (GSD) proposed the GSD Bond, up for vote November 7, in response to the rising concerns that GSD education facilities will not be able to keep pace with 21st century learning, in addition to safety concerns of outdated educational facilities.

“We have a billion dollars in capital needs in Granite School District, and that’s not Granite school officials telling us that, it is independent facility engineers who assessed our buildings 18 months ago,” said Ben Horsley, director of communications and community for GSD during a presentation to Holladay City Council on Sept 14.

Two years ago, the district board began strategizing ways to improve education facilities, and presented their initial findings to GSD communities in February and March of this year. After receiving community feedback, GSD conducted a survey to discover the cost model citizens would be most in support of.

As stated in the “Where We Are Now” video on [gsdfuture.org](http://gsdfuture.org), survey results showed the most support for a hybrid model of capital fees.

The hybrid model, viewed to have the least amount of financial impact on taxpayers, includes an initial 10-year \$238 million bond with a 40-year plan to rebuild and remodel every school in the district.

Once the 10-year bond is paid in full the tax revenue would be maintained by placing it back into the capital revenue.

In regards to opposition stating how GSD does not show responsibility for how they “spend others money,” as seen on a recent KSL announcement on public bond meetings, GSD representatives state they will have to account for funds used.

“The fund requires a truth in taxation, and we anticipate the funding for the next 30 years would be able to provide rebuilds and renovations for the remainder of the schools,” Horsley said.

According to information provided by [parentsforgranite.org](http://parentsforgranite.org), the financial breakdown per household of the \$238M bond will average \$15 monthly or \$184 annually, on a \$250,000 home.

That’s money proponents of the bond feel is a small price to pay for student safety and learning.

“A better facility is extremely important to how we help out students,” said Trent Hendricks, principal of Valley Junior High School.

In addition to newer facilities being able to keep pace with 21st-century learning, newer facilities are also believed to improve school culture.

“The state of your building directly impacts culture... a new building can make an impact in the areas of morale and collaboration,” Hendricks said.

Given current district facility needs, GSD representatives explained regardless if the bond passes or not improvement costs will be passed on to taxpayers. They further stressed that the bond simply offers a responsible cost plan.

The “Why Bond Now” video on [gsdfuture.org](http://gsdfuture.org) explains that due to current low interest rates and rise in construction costs, waiting could result in paying 10 percent more with each passing year until a plan is established.

“If we wait three years to put this together that \$184 (annual per family cost), becomes over \$240... and these aren’t wants, these are needs, so it’s not like the list is going to change suddenly because we wait a few years,” said Don Adams, assistant superintendent with GSD.

Those needs include making facilities safer in the event of a natural disaster. Not only is this vital to students’ safety, but also for the purpose of educational facilities serving as centers for the community to seek assistance after a natural disaster.

“In the event of an emergency, 30 of our schools would be unusable,” Horsley said.

As public community meetings began in September, Horsley stated the biggest complaint addressed to GSD was citizens asking why the district had not done this sooner. Though the district did attempt for more funding during their 2009 bond initiative, due to the political climate at that time, the district bond was only able to pull from capital funding and not request a tax increase.

Horsley stressed the importance of the public seeing the value of education as an investment not just to kids but also to our community.

“If we don’t invest back into our kids, there is no economic future. Investing in the education of our kids is an investment to our way of life.”

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# Money Saving Thanksgiving Tricks No One Else Needs to Know You Did



by  
**JOANI TAYLOR**

Turkey Day, it's almost here! Awe, that traditional family day where we gather around a festive fall table enjoying yummy food and comfortable conversation, while adorning our cozy sweaters and stretchy pants.

Or maybe that's just my imagination at work again. In reality, it's usually more like annoyingly loud uncles in football jerseys making belching noises and toddlers playing tag around the table. And that cozy conversation turning to a political showdown or football yelling match.

Either way, Thanksgiving is a time to gather and eat delicious food with the people you love and cherish. Then comes the dirty little flip side, the cost of that Thanksgiving meal just came crashing in on you.

So, in effort to help keep your from having a nervous breakdown before the bird has even hit the oven, here are some creative ways to help you save money on your Thanksgiving dinner.

**1. Make it a BYOD Gathering**

"Bring Your Own Dish" Just because you're hosting doesn't mean you have to do all the serving too. Make it a potluck assignment and ask everyone to bring a contribution. And speaking of BYO – BYOB is a definite money saver too.

**2. Only Serve Food the Majority of Your Family Likes**

Just because tradition dictates, you DO NOT have to have certain items on your table in order to make it a perfect Thanksgiving meal. If no one ever eats the marshmallow covered sweet potatoes skip it. If there's just one person that like the green bean casserole and the rest goes largely untouched year after year, maybe it's time to retire it from the menu.

**3. Go Christmas for the Decorating**

Fall table décor can be pricy and it's not typically used for more than just this one day. Instead bring the Christmas beauty to your table. It gives the kids something to get excited about and can stay out the rest of the season. Decorating the tree after dinner could also make for a fun new family tradition.

**4. Skip the Side (Salad) Plates**

The turkey isn't the only thing that gets stuffed, people do too, resulting in wasted food that could be put to better use. Those who want seconds can take them but you'll find we take a lot less when the food settles a little and we have to think about the seconds. Leave the salad or side plate that collects rolls and extra stuffing off the table. If you want to take it a step further, use smaller dinner plates too.

**5. Make it From Scratch**

If ever there was a time to go home-made, it's Thanksgiving. Not only will your homemade recipes get your guests nostalgic, they will save you a pretty

penny. So skip the pre-cut veggies, make your own gravy, stuffing and pies. Enlist the help of your kids to give them an appreciation for the creativity and cooking too.

You also don't need to go gourmet. Thanksgiving is all about good, simple comfort food.

**6. Plan Your Leftovers**

It's easy to get overwhelmed trying to come up with creative uses for turkey after turkey night. Make it easy by researching what you'll be making with the leftover bird ahead of time. Set your calendar to check Coupons4Utah.com, because a week before Thanksgiving we'll be sharing a list of our tested recipes for

turkey leftovers that will make leftover meal planning a cinch.

**7. Stock Up on Great Deals**

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These easy tricks can add up to big savings. I'll leave dealing with the obnoxious Uncle's and rambunctious Toddlers up to you.

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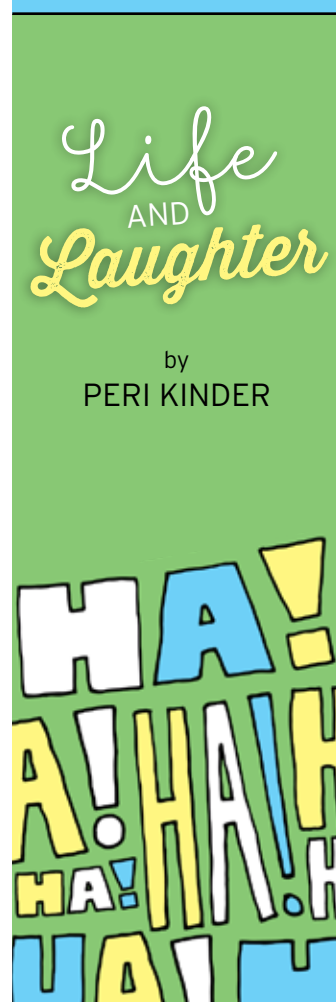
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I've never been one to follow fad diets. I like food too much to limit my choices to cabbage, grapefruit and a toxic drink of lemon, maple syrup and cayenne pepper. I'm pretty sure that's a mixture they use to waterproof asphalt.

So when I was diagnosed with an autoimmune disease 15 months ago, the idea of taking my favorite foods off the table was, well, off the table.

My doctor insisted I'd feel better if I stopped eating gluten. I laughed and told him I'd never be one of those people who badger waiters about menu ingredients, scour Pinterest for gluten-free cookie recipes or bore friends to tears with a recap of my gluten-induced misery.

I was in denial for several weeks but after a trip to New York where I gorged on pizza, bagels and, basically, bushels of gluten, I ended up in a bread coma. I went off gluten cold turkey, which is pretty much the only thing I can eat now.

My husband has been super helpful as I've transitioned to a life of wheat-less sadness. He chokes down gluten-free pizza and cookies without acting like I'm poisoning him (usually), but when I suggested making glu-

ten-free onion rings, he clenched his jaw so tight his ears started bleeding. I heard him sobbing later in the bathroom.

Changing my own diet is one thing. Changing my family's traditional Thanksgiving favorites is another. Everything about this holiday is a freakin' gluten fest. You have dinner rolls, gravy, pie crust, carrot cake, Ritz crackers with spray cheese, and stuffing (which I don't mind skipping because it's a disgusting garbage of a food).

I experimented with gluten-free pumpkin muffins that had the consistency of ground up snails. Even my dog wouldn't eat them. Well, he ate them because he's a Lab and he eats everything; but he whined the whole time.

Researching gluten-free Thanksgiving Day recipes, I found a plethora of tasteless fare. Brussels sprouts in mustard sauce, quinoa stuffing with zucchini and cranberries, and a wheat-free, egg-free, dairy-free, taste-free pumpkin pie headlined my options. I tried making the organic, gluten-free, high-protein breadsticks. Yeah, they're basically jerky.

And what do you call gluten-free brownies? Mud.

## Breaking Bread



Why is gluten only found in foods that are delicious, like waffles and cinnamon rolls? It would be so much easier to avoid gluten if it was just in cottage cheese, foie gras or earthworms.

At least I live in a time where gluten-free products are available. Ten years ago, people going gluten-free could choose between kale chips or toasted particle board. Granted, most gluten-free products still taste like you're chewing on a handful of toothpicks, but with new flours available, like amaranth, chickpea and cricket . . . never mind. It's still terrible.

I could have gone my whole life without knowing things like kelp noodles existed. Which brings me back to Thanksgiving.

I realize the irony of me whining about what to eat on Thanksgiving—a day dedicated to gratitude and abundance. So as I'm sitting at the table, nibbling on dry turkey breast and jerky breadsticks, I promise to be grateful for all the things I CAN eat, like cabbage and grapefruit, and even lemon, maple syrup and cayenne pepper. Just not mixed together. ✦

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